



Wowk News / May 8 - 12

May 8 Monday	
May 9 Tuesday	DARE Program for Grade 5s Thursday Thrillers after school (next week as well)
May 10 Wednesday	PAC Pizza Day
May 11 Thursday	PAC Hot Lunch / Grade 7 Fun Day at Steveston London Fire Drill at 10:35
May 12 Friday	Welcome to Kindergarten Bake Sale at 2:45 pm

An Amazing Outdoor Education Experience for our Grade 6/7 Students!



Our grade 6/7 students spent three days from May 1 - 3 at Camp Cheakamus and they had a fantastic time overall. All students participated in different field study programs (such as the farm study and the fish hatchery) and tried new experiences such as archery and canoeing. Our students did an exceptional job in caring for one another to help ensure that everyone had a positive and safe Outdoor Education experience. We were incredibly fortunate to have warm and sunny weather and all of us would like to extend our gratitude to the Camp

Cheakamus camp staff for being so warm and welcoming. I personally would like to thank the following Jessie Wowk staff members for giving up their time to attend the program and for the way in which they supported all of our learners during our time at camp:

- Ms. Davidson
- Ms. Teng
- Ms. Liu
- Ms. Brown
- Ms. Skiba
- Mr. Angman
- Ms. Chu

We are very fortunate to have so many staff members at Jessie Wowk who cared about making this experience possible for our grade 6/7 students!

Class Placements Information for Families

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations that we have received. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements. In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. These considerations include:

- Learning Styles and Strengths
- ELL Levels
- Learning Needs
- Contractual Language
- Work Habits
- Age
- Friendships Needs and Considerations

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to communicate your thoughts through a letter and email it to the school office by Tuesday, May 23rd.

In your letter, please:

- Include important information about your child, both socially and academically, that you feel is important for us to be aware of that will help us in our decision in the placement of your child
- Include your thoughts around what kind of learning environment helps your child achieve success in their learning.



- Do not include comments about / requests for specific teachers or division number

Letters may be emailed directly to Mr. Daum at cdaum@sd38.bc.ca or a hard copy may be brought directly to the office.

Please note that with limited placement possibilities, input and information can be considered but never guaranteed.

Recording of virtual presentation from Dr. Deborah MacNamara

As part of Mental Health Week, Dr. Deborah MacNamara led a virtual session for parents, guardians, and caregivers on **Holding Onto Our Kids in a Digital World** this past Tuesday. The **video link** ([click here](#)) to this presentation is available until May 16, 2023. Please note the presentation is tailored for an adult audience, not children.

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A summary of the presentation:

As if parenting wasn't hard enough in having to deal with screens, peer pressure on kids - and then we had to add a pandemic on top of it! How can we hold on to our kids so we can influence and guide them? What do kids really need from us so as to grow into socially and emotionally responsible beings? This presentation will discuss issues from technology to peer problems and how parents are the ultimate answer for what kids need most of all. Practical suggestions for (re)building strong relationships with kids from preschoolers to teenagers will be discussed along with managing challenging behaviour - including screen time!

BIO

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of *Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one)*, and her children's picture book, *The Sorry Plane*. She is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute and Director of the counselling practice, *Kid's Best Bet*.

This Parent Feelings Project

[This Parent Feelings Project](#) seeks to understand how parents of children aged 5 - 10 are feeling about their roles as they continue to navigate their child-rearing activities three years into the pandemic. Feel free to look through the information in the link provided and contact the school if you have any questions.



Please see the poster below for Information from Tomorrow's Top Kids (TTK)



TOPKIDS Give Back Project

Topkids Leader is donating to the
Richmond Centre for Disability.
Please help by bringing toys, games
and blankets, boxes are around the
school.



This will take place from
May 1st to May 10th
Please bring your donations to help!
We can do it Jessie Wowk!
THANK YOU !



PAC News

I scream, YOU scream, WE ALL scream for: ICE CREAM!

This month our amazing, dedicated and hardworking Grad Committee team will be selling ICE CREAM (with chocolate syrup, sprinkles and a gummy) for \$3.50 on FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023.

We can't wait to see you all there!

Thank you for your ongoing positive support for the Grade 7's graduation ceremony and luncheon!

- Jessie Wowk 2023 Grad Committee

Important Dates Coming Up

May 12 - Welcome to Kindergarten
May 18 - Zone Track Meet / Grades 3-7
May 19 - Professional Development Day
May 22 - Victoria Day / No School
June 9 - Sports Day

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Dates (May)

Asian Heritage Month
Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
May 5- Dutch Heritage Day
May 5 - National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
May 5 - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 24 - Buddha's Birthday (Buddhism)
May 25 - 27 - Shavout (Judaism)

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information for our Jessie Wowk Community. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us here at the school.
Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Daum

Principal / Jessie Wowk Elementary

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Questions about symptoms and wondering if a Covid test is needed? Please go to:
<https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/>



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